

CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): An inflatable watercraft support device for supporting a watercraft, the support device comprising:

a first support bladder having a first end and a second end;

a second support bladder having a first end and a second end; and

connecting means for connecting the first end of the first support bladder to the first end of the second support bladder;

wherein the second end of the first support bladder and the second end of the second support bladder are free from connection such that the second ends are open and movable in a general direction toward each other.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The support device of claim 1 wherein the first end of the first support bladder and the first end of the second support bladder are angled in a generally upward direction relative to the second end of the first support bladder and the second end of the second support bladder when the first support bladder and the second support bladder are positioned on a substantially horizontal surface such that a watercraft is loadable from the water without interference.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The support device of claim 1 wherein the second end of the first support bladder and the second end of the second support bladder are angled sloped in a generally downward direction to a point nearingly adjacent the water when the support device is positioned on a substantially horizontal surface such that a watercraft is capable of being driven over the angled portion onto the first support bladder and the second support bladder.

Claim 4 (original): The support device of claim 1 wherein the first support bladder and the second support bladder tapers downward from the first end to the second end.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The support device of claim 1 wherein the connecting means is a single first ~~a swivel device, the swivel device having an~~ aperture formed in the first end of the first support bladder and a single second aperture formed in the second end of the second support bladder and a pin mechanism directly insertable into each ~~the~~ aperture.

Claim 6 (original): The support device of claim 1 wherein the connecting means is a fixed securement device selected from the group consisting of welding and threads.

Claim 7 (original): The support device of claim 1 wherein the first support bladder and the second support bladder are fluidly connected to each other.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The support device of claim 1 and further comprising:
adjusting means between the first support bladder and the second support bladder for
adjusting and releasably maintaining the maximum distance ~~spacing~~ between the
second end of the first support bladder and the second end of the second support
bladder.

Claim 9 (original): The support device of claim 8 wherein the adjusting means is at least one adjustable strap extending between the first support bladder and the second support bladder.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The support device of claim 1, and further comprising:
a nonrigid floor between the first support bladder and the second support bladder.

Claim 11 (original): The support device of claim 10, and further comprising:
lacing between the floor and the first support bladder and the second support bladder.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The support device of claim 1, and further comprising:
at least one stake-down aperture on either ~~along~~ the first support bladder or the second
support bladder.

Claim 13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (currently amended): The support device of claim 1, and further comprising:
at least one handle on the first support bladder device.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The support device of claim 14, and further comprising:
at least one handle on the second support bladder device.

Claim 16 (original): The support device of claim 1, and further comprising:
a first fill valve in the first support bladder; and
a second fill valve in the second bladder.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The support device of claim 1, and further comprising:
a first cleat receiving pocket on ~~first inhibiting means associated with~~ the first support
bladder; and
at least one cleat receivable within the first cleat receiving pocket for maintaining the
position of the first support bladder when positioned upon land, ice, or snow.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The support device of claim 17, and further comprising:
a second cleat receiving pocket on ~~second inhibiting means associated with~~ the second
support bladder; and
at least one cleat receivable within the second cleat receiving pocket for maintaining the
position of the second support bladder when positioned upon the land, ice, or
snow.

Claim 19 (currently amended): An apparatus for docking and towing a watercraft, the apparatus
comprising:
a first bladder having a first end and a second end;

a second bladder having a first end and a second end; and
connecting means for connecting the first end of the first bladder to the first end of the
second bladder; ~~and~~
~~sheet material connected between the first bladder and the second bladder;~~
wherein the first end of the first bladder and the first end of the second bladder are angled
in a generally upward direction relative to the second end of the first bladder and
the second end of the second bladder when the first support and the second
bladder are positioned on a substantially horizontal surface.
~~wherein the first bladder and the second bladder have a substantially V-shaped~~
~~configuration.~~

Claim 20 (original): The apparatus of claim 19 wherein the sheet material has a substantially triangular configuration.

Claim 21 (original): The apparatus of claim 19 wherein the sheet material is secured between the first bladder and the second bladder by lacing.

Claim 22 (canceled).

Claim 23 (original): The apparatus of claim 19 wherein the second end of the first bladder and the second end of the second bladder are sloped in a generally downward direction.

Claim 24 (original): The apparatus of claim 19 wherein the connecting means is a fixed securement device selected from the group consisting of welding and threads.

Claim 25 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 19, and further comprising:
at least one stake-down aperture on either ~~along~~ the first bladder or the second bladder.

Claim 26 (canceled).

Claim 27 (original): The apparatus of claim 19, and further comprising:
at least one handle on the first bladder.

Claim 28 (original): The apparatus of claim 27, and further comprising:
at least one handle on the second bladder.

Claim 29 (original): The apparatus of claim 19, and further comprising:
a first fill valve in the first bladder; and
a second fill valve in the second bladder.

Claim 30 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 19, and further comprising:
a first cleat receiving pocket on ~~first inhibiting means associated with~~ the first bladder;
and
at least one cleat receivable within the first cleat receiving pocket for maintaining the
position of the first bladder when positioned upon land, ice, or snow.

Claim 31 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 30, and further comprising:
a second cleat receiving pocket on ~~second inhibiting means associated with~~ the second
bladder; and
at least one cleat receivable with the second cleat receiving pocket for maintaining the
position of the second bladder when positioned upon land, snow, or ice.

Claims 32 – 39 (previously canceled).

Claim 40 (new): The support device of claim 17 wherein the cleat has a portion angled in a
general direction away from the first support bladder.

Claim 41 (new): The support device of claim 18 wherein the cleat has a portion angled in general direction away from the second support bladder.

Claim 42 (new): An inflatable watercraft support device for supporting a watercraft, the support device comprising:

- a first support bladder having a first end and a second end;
 - a second support bladder having a first end and a second end; and
 - connecting means for connecting the first end of the first support bladder to the first end of the second support bladder;
- wherein the connecting means is a single first aperture formed in the first end of the first support bladder and a single second aperture formed in the second end of the second support bladder and a pin mechanism directly insertable into each aperture.

Claim 43 (new): The support device of claim 42 wherein the first end of the first support bladder and the first end of the second support bladder are angled in a generally upward direction relative to the second end of the first support bladder and the second end of the second support bladder when the first support bladder and the second support bladder are positioned on a substantially horizontal surface.

Claim 44 (new): The support device of claim 42 wherein the second end of the first support bladder and the second end of the second support bladder are free from connection such that the second ends are open and movable in a general direction toward each other.

Claim 45 (new): The support device of claim 42, and further comprising:

- a first cleat receiving pocket on the first support bladder; and
- at least one cleat receivable within the first cleat receiving pocket for maintaining the position of the first support bladder when positioned upon land, ice, or snow.

Claim 46 (new): The support device of claim 45, and further comprising:
a second cleat receiving pocket on the second support bladder; and
at least one cleat receivable within the second cleat receiving pocket for maintaining the
position of the second support bladder when positioned upon the land, ice, or
snow.